

**TWENTIETH DAY**

(Wednesday, February 18, 1959)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Martin
Baker	Moffett
Bradshaw	Moore
Colson	Owen
Crump	Parkhouse
Dies	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Reagan
Gonzalez	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	Secrest
Herring	Smith
Hudson	Weinert
Kazen	Willis
Krueger	Wood
Lane	

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation as follows:

O God, Our Father, according to Thy tender mercies, blot out all our transgressions. Create within us clean hearts, and may the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength, and our redeemer. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

Senator Hazlewood submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
February 17, 1959.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred S. B. No. 118, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HAZLEWOOD, Chairman.

Senator Roberts submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
February 17, 1959.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Legislative, Congressional and Judicial Districts, to whom was referred H. B. No. 119, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

ROBERTS, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 17, 1959.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Legislative, Congressional and Judicial Districts, to whom was referred S. B. No. 15, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

ROBERTS, Chairman.

Senator Weinert submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
February 18, 1959.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Water and Conservation, to whom was referred S. B. No. 138, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

WEINERT, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 18, 1959.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Water and Conservation, to whom was referred S. B. No. 36, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

WEINERT, Chairman.

Senator Hazlewood submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
February 17, 1959.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred S. B. No. 25, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HAZLEWOOD, Chairman.

#### Senate Resolution 96

Senator Moore offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Hank Smith and Hal Bettes; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Moore by unanimous consent presented the distinguished guests to the Members of the Senate.

#### Senate Resolution 97

Senator Willis offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Mrs. Jane Waters, President Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Texas, from Austin, Travis County, Texas, and Mrs. Frances Summers, Past President, Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Texas, from Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Willis by unanimous consent presented the distinguished guests to the Members of the Senate.

#### Senate Concurrent Resolution 18

Senator Baker offered the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 18, Creation of Texas Commission on County and City Government.

Whereas, The growing demands upon county and city governments and the rising cost of goods and services purchased by them have caused the burden of local taxes to mount steadily from year to year; and

Whereas, Public health, safety and welfare facilities and services are provided by both counties and cities; and

Whereas, There are several incorporated Texas cities whose limits are co-existent with or extend beyond county boundaries; and

Whereas, Local control over local affairs is dependent upon the existence of effective and efficient local government responsive to the will of the people; and

Whereas, It is the duty of the state, from which its subdivisions derive their powers, to make it possible for counties and cities to serve the people in the most effective and efficient manner possible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That a commission to study the feasibility and advisability of consolidating county and city governments, to be known as the Texas Commission on County and City Government, shall be appointed, consisting of nine (9) members; three (3) members of the Texas House of Representatives to be chosen by the Speaker of the House; three (3) members of the Senate of Texas to be chosen by the Lieutenant Governor; and three (3) public members to be appointed by the Governor of Texas; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission shall be initially assembled by the Governor as soon as the membership is complete, and it shall elect its Chairman and other officers deemed necessary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission shall gather all pertinent information and data relating to consolidation of county and city governments in other states; identify and consider the factors bearing upon such a consolida-

tion in Texas, especially in the metropolitan areas; and study and devise ways and means, both constitutionally and statutorily, of effecting consolidation of counties and cities in Texas; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission may request and use the aid and services of any organization or individuals professionally engaged in governmental research on such terms and under such conditions as may be mutually agreed upon between the Commission and any such organization or individuals, but such agreement may not include any payment by the Commission for the aid and services rendered; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Fifty-seventh Legislature.

The resolution was read and was referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

#### Senate Resolution 98

Senator Rogers offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Mr. F. O. Masten of Sudan and the Honorable Paul Spilman of Wellington; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate and extended the privileges of the floor for the day.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Rogers by unanimous consent presented the distinguished guests to the Members of the Senate.

#### Senate Bills on First Reading

The following bills were introduced read first time and referred to the Committees indicated:

By Senator Parkhouse:

S. B. No. 180, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 8.14 of the Insurance Code, Acts 1951, 52nd Legislature, page 868, Chapter 491, as amended, by regulating payment of

dividends; and declaring an emergency.

To the Committee on Insurance.

By Senators Krueger and Owen:

S. B. No. 181, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 291, Acts of the Forty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 1941, as amended by Chapter 356, Acts of the Fifty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, 1957; providing for revision and compilation of Abstract Volumes by the Commissioner of the General Land Office; providing for the distribution of such volumes; providing for the sale of surplus volumes; providing for payment of moneys received from such sales into the General Revenue Fund; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Lane:

S. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 908, Chapter 6 of the Penal Code of Texas, as amended, to provide a non-resident license for use only on state-licensed shooting resorts from October 1 to April 1; to set the shooting resort season on quail at October 1 to April 1, the same period as for chukar, pheasant, or any other pen-raised fowl; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Game and Fish.

By Senator Secrest:

S. B. No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to the requirement of performance and payment bonds by public contractors and claims and liens thereunder for materials and labor; amending Article 5160 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and Section 1, Chapter 17, Acts of the 39th Legislature, 1925; repealing Articles 5161, 5162, 5163, and 5164 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Crump:

S. B. No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to Water Improvement Districts and Water Control and Improvement Districts the right and authority to buy and lease land for the purpose of placing and operating the same under irrigation; providing the limit of the term of such lease,

and providing for the right to sublease such land, and for the terms and conditions of such lease and sublease; and providing for the revenues from which the lease price or purchase and sale price may be paid, and the limit of the time of payment thereof, and providing for the manner of determining such lease or sale price, and for pledge of the revenues from said land and from the maintenance and operation of the District's irrigation system to secure the payment of such lease or purchase price, and providing for sale of any land so purchased by said districts, and providing for the issuance of long term notes or obligations of said district by its Directors, without necessity of an election authorizing the same, for the purpose of obtaining funds for such lease or purchase; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Water and Conservation.

By Senator Moore:

S. B. No. 185, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to adult probation and parole; amending Section 3 of Article 2 of Senate Bill No. 154, Page 466, Chapter 226 of the Act of 1957 of the 55th Legislature known as the Adult and Probation Law of 1957 by providing that probated sentences may be granted in all felony cases and adding thereto additional sections to be known as Sec. 3A and Sec. 3B providing that juries in the trial of all criminal felony cases on a plea of guilty or not guilty may recommend probation of any sentence in such felony criminal action where the defendant has not theretofore been convicted of a felony in this or any other state; providing how such probation shall be applied for and that such recommendation shall be obligatory upon the court; providing for the introduction of evidence as to the general reputation of the defendant where the defendant files an application for probation and states under oath that he has never been convicted of a felony and that his reputation is good; providing how a probated sentence granted by a jury may be revoked; repealing certain statutes and laws in regard to suspended sentences and any other laws in conflict herewith; containing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 186, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 424 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of Texas of 1925 so as to permit a forfeiture of the recognizance or bail bond of a defendant who fails to appear on the day set for a pre-trial hearing on pleadings and motions or any subsequent date set for a hearing on pleadings and motions; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 187, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 16, Title 15, Article 1257 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1925 so as to change the minimum penalty for murder from two to five years in the penitentiary; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Owen:

S. B. No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Article 3.50 of the Insurance Code, Acts 1951, 52nd Legislature, page 868, chapter 491, as amended, relating to classes of group life insurance policies that may be delivered in this state, by adding thereto a provision for an additional class of policies issuable to certain associations; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Insurance.

By Senator Fly:

S. B. No. 189, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 390 of the Texas Probate Code (Acts 1955, 54th Legislature, Chapter 55) relating to investments by guardians in insurance and annuity contracts, and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Insurance.

By Senator Fly:

S. B. No. 190, A bill to be entitled "An Act (amending the Insurance Code of Texas, Acts 1951, Fifty-second Legislature, Chapter 21, by adding a new article thereto) to provide that minors not less than ten years of age and without guardians of their estates may contract for and otherwise acquire policies of life, term or endowment insurance, or annuity contracts, and exercise all rights and powers and give valid acquittance thereunder notwithstanding their minority and as though of full legal age; providing for conditions and limita-

tions with respect to the operation of the Act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict and to the extent of such conflict; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Insurance.

By Senator Fly:

S. B. No. 191, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend paragraph A of Article 9.14 of the Texas Business Corporation Act; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Moore:

S. B. No. 192, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 7, Chapter 229, Acts 1947, 50th Legislature, as amended by Chapter 457, Acts 1949, 51st Legislature, and further amended by Chapter 178, Acts 1953, 53rd Legislature, providing a saving clause, and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senators Gonzalez and Willis:

S. B. No. 193, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of official shorthand reporters of each judicial district, civil or criminal, and the official shorthand reporters of each county court at law, civil or criminal, in any county having a population of not less than three hundred sixty thousand (360,000) nor more than six hundred twelve thousand (612,000) inhabitants, according to the 1950 Federal census; providing the time, method and manner of payment; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict; providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

By Senator Gonzalez:

S. B. No. 194, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that certain corporations chartered under the provisions of subdivision 37, Article 566, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1879, as amended, may file amendments to their present charters with the Secretary of State of Texas on or before July 31, 1960, for the purpose of adopting the provisions of the Texas Business Corporation Act; and further providing that such corporations may transfer and assign their fiduciary and depository business authorized by their present charters to state banks formed under the provisions of

the Texas Banking Act of 1943, and ratifying and confirming the fiduciary powers under their present charters in the fiduciary capacities to be transferred to the state banks without the necessity of any judicial action in the courts of Texas or any action by the creators or beneficiaries of such fiduciary trusts and estates; provided that the power and authority of the Secretary of State to approve the filing of such amendments to the charters of such corporations and the power and authority of such corporations to transfer and assign their fiduciary and depository business shall expire on July 31, 1960.

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Gonzalez:

S. B. No. 195, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the annual license fee for the registration of a motor vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit, service organization and designed, constructed and used primarily for promotion, demonstration or parade purposes, where such vehicle is not licensed for registration under other laws of this State; providing a severability clause and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Willis:

S. B. No. 196, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for payment of Medical Assistance on behalf of recipients of public assistance; defining terms; designating the State Department of Public Welfare as the State Department to administer the program, to cooperate with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and to accept and expend moneys from the Federal Government; providing the requirements for receiving Medical Assistance; authorizing the Department to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for administering the program; providing that the amount of Medical Assistance payments out of State funds shall never exceed the amount so expended out of Federal funds; authorizing the Department to determine the method of administration of Medical Assistance by establishing an indemnity program administered by the Department or by an insurance plan or hospital service plan and/or a medical service plan authorized to do business in Texas; prohibiting the payment of Medical

Assistance to or on behalf of persons hospitalized in Federal or State institutions; amending Subsection (1) of Section 27 of House Bill No. 611, Chapter 562, Page 914, General and Special Laws of the State of Texas, Forty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 1941, as amended, by creating a special fund in the Treasury to be known as the "Medical Assistance Fund"; amending Section 2 of Article XX of Chapter 184, Acts of the Forty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 1941, as amended, by adding a new Subsection to be known as Subsection (7) and amending Subsection (4-c); providing for the allocation of State funds to the "Medical Assistance Fund"; making an appropriation for the purpose of paying Medical Assistance for the period beginning Jan. 1, 1960 and ending Aug. 31, 1961; making an appropriation for the payment of administrative expenses for each year of the biennium beginning September 1, 1959 and ending August 31, 1961; providing a repealing clause, a saving clause, and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Fly:

S. B. No. 197, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending subsection (d) of Section 45, Article I, Chapter 467, Acts of the Second Called Session of the 44th Legislature, added by Section 43, Chapter 448, Acts of the Regular Session of the 45th Legislature, as amended by Section 16, Chapter 325, Acts of the Regular Session of the 48th Legislature, providing for refunds under certain conditions of liquor tax previously paid; and amending Article II, Texas Liquor Control Act, by adding thereto immediately following Section 23 a new section to be numbered 23-A; providing for the refund of tax paid on unsalable beer and the filing of a claim for such refunds; providing for a refund of tax paid on beer in excess of the legal amount due thereon and filing of a claim for such refund; making an appropriation for the payment of such refunds; providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

(Senator Martin in the Chair.)

By Senator Hardeman:

S. B. No. 198, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that two or more

defendants who are jointly or separately indicted or complained against for the same offense or an offense growing out of the same transaction may be, in the discretion of the court, tried jointly or separately as to one or more defendants; and providing that either defendant may testify for the other or in behalf of the state; repealing Article 82 of the Penal Code of Texas of 1925, also repealing Articles 650, 651, 653, 654 and 711 and the latter portion of Article 710 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of Texas of 1925; and further repealing all other laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hardeman:

S. B. No. 199, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 501, 502, 505, 517, 518, and 519 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of Texas of 1925 so as to provide for a plea of nolo contendere in all cases in which a plea of guilty might be entered; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hardeman:

S. B. No. 200, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Ch. 5, Title 17, Article 1391 of the Penal Code of Texas of 1925 by providing that the maximum punishment for burglary at night may be life imprisonment; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hardeman:

S. B. No. 201, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Act of 1951 by the 52nd Leg., p. 817, Ch. 463, being S. B. 165 and Art. 760d of Vernon's Code of Crim. Proc., by providing that bills of exception shall be delivered to the trial judge within eighty (80) days after giving notice of appeal and that such judge shall thereafter have until 90 days have elapsed after notice of appeal was given within which to consider and act on the same, and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hardeman:

S. B. No. 202, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section (1) of Article 1036 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of Texas of 1925, as amended,

by increasing the amount of witness fees; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Martin:

S. B. No. 203, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to branch banking and limitations on connected office facilities; amending Article 3, Chapter IX of Chapter 97, Acts, 48th Legislature, 1943, which amended and replaced Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, Article 538 (and which is compiled as Texas Civil Statutes, Articles 342-903) (Vernon's 1948), as amended by Section 1, Chapter 220, Acts, 55th Legislature, 1957 (codified as Articles 342-903, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

By Senator Moore:

S. B. No. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a conservation and reclamation district under Article XVI, Section 59, of the Constitution comprising the territory contained within Chilton Independent School District, to be known as the 'Falls County Water and Sewer District,' for the purpose of providing or acquiring a source or sources of water supply for municipal, domestic, industrial, and mining uses and processing and transporting the same and for the purpose of providing or acquiring storm sewers and a sanitary sewer system; providing for a board of directors to govern said district; providing for the annexation of additional territory thereto; authorizing the district to do all things to make available for the above-named uses underground water or water from surface sources and water it may obtain by purchase, lease, and operation of contracts with persons, firms, corporations, and public agencies or the United States Government or any of its agencies; empowering the district to acquire land and construct, lease or otherwise acquire all facilities necessary or useful in diverting, impounding, storing, processing, or transporting water for the above-named purposes; authorizing the district to lease or acquire rights in and to storage and storage capacity in any reservoir; authorizing the issuance of bonds and making provision for the payment and security thereof; making applicable to the district Title 52, Revised Civil Statutes, as

amended, relating to eminent domain, and declaring the district to be a municipal corporation within the meaning of Article 3268 of Title 52; providing that the district shall bear the expense of relocation, raising, or rerouting of any highway, railroad, or utility lines or pipelines made necessary by its exercise of the power of eminent domain; prescribing other powers and duties of the district; enacting other provisions relating to the subject; providing for a confirmation election; providing that nothing in this Act shall be interpreted to repeal or amend Article 7471, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Water and Conservation.

By Senator Bradshaw:

S. B. No. 205, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4619 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, Acts 1840, p. 3; G. L., vol. 2, p. 177; Acts 1913, p. 61; Acts 1927, 40th Leg., p. 219, ch. 148), to add thereto a new section No. 6 so as to provide that married women shall have the control, management and disposition of their contracts of life insurance or annuity, subject to nullification of the provisions of this Act by the husband by notice to the insurance company."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

#### Senate Resolution 99

Senator Krueger offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery of the Senate the senior civics class of Columbus High School accompanied by Head Coach Billy J. Hartley; and

Whereas, These students are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine group of young American citizens is here to observe and to learn at firsthand the workings of their State government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome these guests and commend them for their interest; and that a copy of this Resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

**KRUEGER  
FULLER**

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Krueger by unanimous consent presented the students and Mr. Hartley to the Members of the Senate.

#### Resolution Signed

The Presiding Officer announced the signing by the President in the presence of the Senate after the caption had been read the following enrolled resolution:

S. C. R. No. 6, Providing for committee to select Poet Laureate and Alternate Poet Laureate of State.

#### Senate Resolution 100

Senator Gonzalez offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Mrs. La Verne Redwine and daughter; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Gonzalez by unanimous consent presented the guests to the Members of the Senate.

#### Senate Resolution 101

Senator Moffett offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Much of the available water in Western Texas contains varying degrees of minerals in solution to the extent that considerable quantities of it are unsuitable for common usage except through costly and uneconomical treatment by presently known processes, and

Whereas, If all the available water supply in Western Texas could be demineralized at low cost by a new scientific process, same would be of vast economic benefit to the entire region, and would indirectly benefit the entire state, and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States, through the enactment of Public Law 85-883, 85th Congress, Senate Joint Resolution 135, September 2, 1958, has authorized the estab-

lishment of not less than five experimental water conversion demonstration plants for the purpose of converting both sea water and inland brackish waters at low cost to water that will be suitable for agricultural, industrial, municipal and other beneficial consumptive uses, and

Whereas, One of the five plants authorized in the above mentioned Act of Congress shall be located at some suitable place in the arid regions of the Southwestern United States, and

Whereas, If the said plant designated for the Southwestern United States were located at a suitable place in Western Texas and successful results were thereby attained for the conversion of brackish water to soft usable water, the benefits derived therefrom would likely be greater than if said plant were located in some other geographical subdivision because the water supply of the western part of Texas, if properly converted, would be ample to solve the water problems of a vast region with definite and tangible benefit to the inhabitants thereof; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Session of the Texas Legislature that we do hereby request and urge the Secretary of the Interior of the United States Government, through the Office of Saline Water, to locate one of the five Saline Water Conversion Demonstration Plants authorized in the Act of Congress above referred to at a favorable location in the western part of the State of Texas, and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Fred Seaton, Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, and to Mr. David S. Jenkins, Director, Office of Saline Water, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

MOFFETT  
HAZLEWOOD  
ROGERS  
HARDEMAN  
OWEN  
RATLIFF  
SMITH  
CRUMP  
BRADSHAW

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Moffett and



by unanimous consent the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

#### Senate Resolution 102

Senator Reagan offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery of the Senate, the Civics Club of Incarnate Word Academy of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas, accompanied by their sponsors, Sister Mary George and Sister Stanislaus; and

Whereas, These students are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine group of young American citizens is here to observe and to learn at first hand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas officially recognize and welcome these guests and commend them for their interest; and that copies of this Resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to each member of the Civics Club and their sponsors in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Reagan by unanimous consent presented the students and their sponsors to the Members of the Senate.

#### Senate Resolution 103

Senator Herring offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery of the Senate the Senior Government Class of O. L. Price School of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. T. O. Houston; and

Whereas, These students are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine group of young American citizens is here to observe and to learn at firsthand the workings of their State government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome these guests and commend them for their interest; and that a copy of this Resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to their class in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Herring by unanimous consent presented the students and Mrs. Houston to the Members of the Senate.

#### Adjournment

On motion of Senator Hardeman the Senate at 11:14 o'clock a.m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

**In Memory of**  
**W. L. Willis**

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Senator Aikin offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 94)

Whereas, The Supreme Architect of the Universe has called to his eternal reward Honorable W. L. Willis of Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas, on December 11, 1958; and

Whereas, W. L. Willis was an outstanding citizen and civic leader; and

Whereas, He had devoted his entire life to the teaching profession and had exerted his efforts always in the direction of making our public schools better for the children of this State; and

Whereas, His community and his State have suffered a distinct loss in his passing, and it is the desire of the Senate to extend sympathy to his family in their great loss; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That by the Senate of Texas, this resolution be adopted by a standing vote in memory of Honorable W. L. Willis.

**AIKIN**

Signed—Ben Ramsey, Lieutenant Governor; Baker, Bradshaw, Colson, Crump, Dies, Fly, Fuller, Gonzalez, Hardeman, Hazlewood, Herring, Hudson, Kazen, Krueger, Lane, Martin, Moffett, Moore, Owen, Parkhouse, Phillips, Ratliff, Reagan, Roberts, Rogers, Secrest, Smith, Weinert, Willis, Wood.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Willis and by unanimous consent the names of the Lieutenant Governor and the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was then adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

**In Memory of**  
**B. D. "Doc" Cooksey**

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Senator Smith submitted the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 95)

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom did recently call B. D. "Doc" Cooksey of Seagraves, Texas, from his earthly labors; and

Whereas, Mr. Cooksey was born in Homer, Louisiana, April 9, 1878, coming to Seagraves from Cheyenne, Oklahoma, thirty-four years ago; and

Whereas, He operated a drug store in Seagraves until 1941, and had been justice of the peace for the past eight years, served as mayor and as a member of the school board, was a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club, active in Masonic work; and

Whereas, He helped organize the Presbyterian Church in Seagraves; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the passing of this outstanding citizen be fittingly recognized, and that when the Senate of Texas adjourns today, it does so in memory of B. D. "Doc" Cooksey; and that we here and now extend our sympathy to his wife, Mrs. B. D. Cooksey; one daughter, Donnalita of Seagraves; a brother, Dr. Will Cooksey of Magnolia, Arkansas; and two sisters, Miss Mattie Cooksey and Mrs. Irma Forston, both of Homer, Louisiana; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to his surviving family as a token of our sympathy.

The resolution was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.